

Semester I

MODULE I - WWW

1.1.1 Vocabulary in use

1. Despite his influential position, he has an personality. (Fill in the blank using the correct word from the glossary). Ans: **unassuming**

2. The government decided to suppress any move which instigates terrorism. Which of the three options given below can best replace ‘instigate’ in the sentence. a) control b) prevent c) initiate Ans: **initiate**

3. John repainted his mailbox because it was looking shabby. (Rewrite the sentence with ‘shabbiness’) ...

Ans: **John repainted his mailbox because of its shabbiness.**

4. Circle the four words in the table that are synonyms (same meaning) of ‘prosperity’

enthusiasm

fortune

loyalty

affluence

wealth

passion

riches

caution

5. We need to create an environment in which the business can (prosperity/prosper /prosperous) [Fill in using the correct form of the word]

Ans: **prosper**

6. Match the following:

The currency used in America is 100 cents

One US dollar equals a penny

One-cent coin is commonly called US dollar

⇒ Pick out the proper nouns and abstract nouns from the first two paragraphs of the story. (Page no.6)

Proper nouns:- Della, Christmas, James D Young

Abstract nouns:- thought, life, prosperity

⇒ Given below are sentences from the text. Pick out the pronouns in the sentences and write them down in the table given below along with the nouns for which they are used.

- a) Della finished her crying and dried her face.
- b) Expenses had been greater than she had expected. They always are.
- c) There was an electric bell, but it could not make a sound.

Q.No	Pronoun	Replaced noun
a)	her	Della
b)	they	Expenses
c)	it	electric bell

1.1.2

1. The impression that we get from the initial part of the story is that the couple led an extravagant life. — **False**

2. List examples from the text which show that Jim and Della were poor.

- (i) Pennies saved one and two at a time by negotiating with the men at the market who sold vegetables and meat – negotiating until one's face burned with the silent knowledge of being poor.
- (ii) There was clearly nothing to do but sit down on the shabby little couch and cry.
- (iii) In the hall below was a letter-box too small to hold a letter.
- (iv) There was an electric bell, but it could not make a sound.

(v) The next day would be Christmas. She had only one dollar and eighty-seven cents to buy her husband Jim a gift. She had been saving every penny she could for months, with this result.

3. Della was upset at the beginning of the story because... she had only one dollar and eighty-seven cents with her to buy a Christmas gift for her husband Jim. The amount was too little to buy a valuable gift.

4. Everything looked ‘gray’ to Della that morning because ‘gray’ symbolises a) love b) hope c) frustration Ans: frustration

5. The two treasured possessions of the family were ...Jim’s gold watch.. and ...Della’s hair....

1.2.1 Vocabulary in use

1. A person with prudence will have a) generosity b) good practical sense c) greed

Ans: good practical sense

2. My lawyer advised me not to ...falter...in my decision when filing a case against my employer. [Fill in with the appropriate word in the glossary]

3. We could hear the waves splashing against the side of the boat. (Rewrite the sentence using ‘splashed’) Begin with ‘The waves...’
The waves that splashed against the side of the boat could be heard.

4. Antonyms of ‘depreciate’

depreciate x increase

depreciate X exalt

depreciate X grow

5. Put a tick mark against the correct sentence.

a) We need to act prudence in such situations.

b) We need to act prudentious in such situations.

c) We need to act prudently in such situations.

6. ‘The hair had been ruined by her love and her desire to give a special gift. Repairing the ravage was a very big job– a mammoth task.’

A) The meaning of the word ‘ravage’ in this sentence is..... a) beauty
b) damage c) fear

B) The word which helps to guess the meaning is a) repair b)
special c) gift

7. Now that you have read half the story, write down three words to describe Della.

A).....loving B).....caring..... C)...understanding...

9. Complete the missing items in the table.

Base (V1) Past (V2) Past participle (V3) Present participle

live lived lived (Regular verbs – form their V2 and V3 by adding - d or – ed) living

reach reached reached reaching

falter faltered faltered faltering

find found found finding

Irregular verbs – form their V2 and V3 in different ways

say said said saying

fall fell fallen falling

see saw seen seeing

go went gone going

put put put putting

hit hit hit hitting

1.2.2 Understanding the text

1. Why does the author make a reference to the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon?

a) To suggest that they were inferior to Jim and Della in their physical appearance.

b) To suggest that their wealth was insignificant compared to Jim and Della’s valuable possessions.

c) To suggest that they were also a lovely couple like Jim and Della.

2. Put the following statements in chronological order (as 1, 2, 3, etc) based on the text.

.....5..... Using a curling iron, she covered her head with many close-cropped curls which gave her the appearance of a schoolboy.

.....2..... Della bought a silver chain for Jim’s gold watch with the money.

.....1..... Madame Sofronie helped Della by buying her hair.

.....6..... Holding the gift packet in her hand, she impatiently waited for Jim to return from his work.

.....4..... She began to repair what was left of her hair.

.....3..... On returning home, she started worrying about Jim's reaction to her appearance.

3. While waiting for Jim, Della was worried that Jim would be angry with her for spending too much for Christmas. — **False**

4. Della had a feeling that her beauty lay in her long hair. Cite instances from the text to substantiate the statement.

1. She began to repair what was left of her hair.

2. "Please God, make him think I am still pretty."

3. "Don't you like me just as well? I am the same person without my hair, right?"

5. "He needed a new coat and gloves to keep his hands warm." If Della had really loved Jim, she would have bought something like a coat or gloves that he really needed instead of the gold chain. What is your opinion?

Jim's gold watch was something that he was deeply attached to and proud of. Its worth was beyond its monetary value. He inherited it from his father. It was a part of his soul. So I think Della's gift was perfect.

1.3.1 Vocabulary in use

1. If you are **ecstatic**, you experience..... a) hatred b) frustration c) **excitement**

2. Anand expressed his **ecstasy** over the new idea. (Rewrite the sentence with 'ecstatic') Ans. Anand was **ecstatic** over the new idea.

3. It was not anger, nor surprise, nor fear, nor any of the **sentiments** that she had been prepared for. [Replace the underlined word with any word that fits the context]

Ans: It was not anger, nor surprise, nor fear, nor any of the **emotions** that she had been prepared for.

3. On seeing Jim's reaction, Della was ,

Ans: confused, disappointed and anxious.

[Complete the sentence with at least three words that express her state of mind.]

Choose the correct homophones to complete the sentences.

a) Have you heard the story of the and the tortoise? (hair/hare)

b) They had to beg for to feed their children. (arms/alms)

c) I want you to my parents. (meat, meet)

6. Nobody could count my love for you. [Begin the sentence with 'Counting.....']

Ans. Counting my love for you is impossible.

7. She didn't even have theto stand up. [strong (adj) /strength (n)]

A. Rewrite the sentences putting the adjectives in the correct order.

1. The couple had [an /silver /mirror /expensive /antique] at home.

Ans: The couple had an expensive antique silver mirror at home.

2. Della had [hair /black /shining /long].

Ans: Della had shining long black hair.

3. Madame Sofronie was [woman /an /old /fat /French].

Ans: Madame Sofronie was an old fat French woman.

B. Circle the adverbs in the following sentences taken from the text.

1. My hair grows very **fast**.

2. Jim seemed to awaken **quickly**.

3. It **surely** had been made for Jim and no one else.

1.3.2 Understanding the text

1. Jim stopped inside the door, as immovable as a dog smelling a bird. –
The figure of speech used here is **a)simile b) pun c) metaphor**

3. Why did Jim react so strangely when Della told him she had sold her hair?

Ans: Jim reacted strangely because he had bought beautiful combs made of shells with jewels at the edge for Della's hair. He had sold his watch to buy the gift.

4. "I do not think there is any haircut that could make me like my girl any less." — Write down two sentences on the character of the speaker.
Ans: The speaker loves the girl dearly. His love is boundless and not materialistic.
5. Della's immediate response on opening Jim's gift packet was
a) fear b) shock c) excitement d) sadness
6. Can you think of the possible gifts Jim might have bought for Della?
Jim could have bought anything- dresses, ornaments etc.

1.4.1 Vocabulary in use

1. The explorers a skeleton in the cave. (invented/ discovered)
2. Make a sentence of your own using the word 'ardent'.
Ans: She was an ardent feminist all her life.
He is an ardent lover of music.
3. He was an ardent follower of the principles of Buddhism. [Rewrite the sentence with 'ardently']
Ans: He ardently followed the principles of Buddhism.
4. Which among the following adjectives best explains Jim's character
a) Extravagant b) Arrogant c) Rational d) Aggressive
6. Read the passage on the ending of the story and fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions or conjunctions. Identify the conjunctions that you write by circling them. The words in the bracket will help you. (because, on, for, yet, though, but, of)
Though Jim and Della sacrificed their most valuable possessions **for** buying gifts as an expression **of** love for each other, they turned out useless for the time being. **Yet/ But** their gifts can be considered unique and wise **because** they reveal the true essence of gift-giving **on** Christmas.

Part of speech

Word

Sentence

Noun	hair	She has long hair.
Pronoun	it	It is very dark.
Verb	play	Federer plays tennis.
Adjective	heavy	The luggage was heavy.
Adverb	slowly	She walked slowly.
Preposition	from	Tom comes from Kollam.
Conjunction	and	He is tall and slim.

1.4.2 Understanding the text

1. Form meaningful sentences by matching sentences in column 1 with those in column 2.

Ans:

Jim threw his gift package on the table - because he knew that it was of no use at the moment.

Jim's gift package for Della contained -the expensive set of combs she had longed for.

Jim was shocked a second time - to see Della's gift for him.

Jim had found money to buy gift for Della - by selling his gold watch.

2. Why did the author compare Della and Jim to the Magi?

Della and Jim were compared to the Magi because like the three wise men, the young couple knew what was truly valuable in life. They sacrificed their precious possessions to buy Christmas gifts for each other. This showed their devotion and respect for one another.

3. How does Della's reaction to Jim's gift differ from his reaction to her's?

Della gave an ecstatic scream of joy when she saw the combs. Then it was quickly changed to hysterical tears and wails. Whereas Jim realised that the love that the two shared was of far greater value than any tangible gift they could exchange. Jim reacted in complete disbelief and almost in an amused manner.

4. The theme of this story is that Jim and Della's love for each other is much more valuable than any a) material gift b) expensive dinner c) person's opinion d) verbal expressions of love

5. The story is told from point of view.

- a) first person b) second person c) third person (Jim's perspective) d) third person (Della's perspective)

Correct Ans: Third person point of view

6. Irony is a literary device in which reality is just the opposite of what we expect. O. Henry has effectively employed 'irony' in the story. Cite examples from the text.

a) The author compares Jim and Della to King Solomon and Queen of Sheba. But this comparison is highly ironic in the sense that the latter were famous rulers and had immense wealth. Neither in fame nor in wealth could Jim and Della be compared to them. Still, according to the author, all the fame and wealth of these mighty rulers were insignificant compared to the watch and hair that Jim and Della possessed.

b) The irony of the ending- The fact that both Jim and Della unselfishly sacrificed their most prized possessions in order to purchase gifts that the other would be thrilled to receive, but each of them sacrificed the very thing for which the other bought the gift.

Extended activities:

2. Rising action -Series of events, conflicts or struggles of the main characters that create tension in the plot – (c)Della's efforts to raise money to purchase a Christmas gift for Jim.

Climax -Moment of peak tension in the story – (a)Jim and Della realise that they both have lost the very thing for which the other bought the gift.

Falling action - How the main problem gets resolved –(b) Jim tells his wife that they should keep their gifts aside for a while because they are of no use at the moment.

3.Comment on the important themes of the story.

1.Sacrifice - both characters willingly sacrificed their most prized possessions.
2. Love - triumph of love over greed or materialism

3.Generosity – Generosity drives both Jim and Della, who, despite living in poverty, want to give each other worthy gifts.

Q. 7. Write a diary entry that Della might make about the events of that Christmas eve.

DIARY ENTRY

Sunday
December 24, 1904
9.30 pm

Dear Diary,

Merry X' mas to you! Today I want to share some of my happiest moments with you. We had an unexpected surprise today. As you know, I planned to give something special to Jim. Since I didn't have enough money, I sold my lovely hair and bought a chain for Jim's gold watch. Although it was difficult to take such a decision, I thought only of the smile on Jim's face. But Jim beat me at that! He sold off his gold watch and bought me an expensive set of combs which I was longing for. You can't even imagine what I felt then. I was ecstatic and tearful at the same time. But you know, this is the spirit of Christmas – love and sacrifice. Though both the gifts are useless for the time being, we are very happy that our love is greater than all other material possessions.

Della

7. "When poverty comes in at the doorstep, love flies out of the window." Can love and poverty stay together under a roof? Express your opinion.

In my opinion love and poverty can stay together under a roof. Having a small paycheck does not mean that you are incapable of treating your partner generously with attention, affection, trust, and respect. Personally I do not think poverty inherently makes people lie, cheat, or be disrespectful.

As long as people can manage their own stress and keep it outside their relationship, then it is better to be with a partner during a storm than being alone.

11. Prepare a slide presentation on the setting, themes, plot structure, characters and point of view used in O. Henry's 'The Gift of the Magi'?

Author: William Sydney Porter

"The Gift of the Magi" –
published in 1905

Setting: “The Gift of Magi” takes place in a furnished flat in New York city, on the day before Christmas.

Characters: A poor couple named Jim and Della

Plot structure:

“In the Gift of Magi” the **exposition** includes the information that Della and Jim are poor, the **rising action** is Della selling her hair to purchase a watch chain for Jim, the **climax** is Jim seeing Della’s short hair, the **falling action** is the revelation that Jim sold his watch to purchase combs for Della and the **resolution** is the narrator’s commentary on how their gifts relate to those given by the Magi to Jesus.

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1.6.1

After reading the passage, try to answer the questions given below:

1) World Wide Web (WWW) is another word for the Internet. – **false.**

2) Who developed the World Wide Web and when?

The World Wide Web was developed in 1989 by Tim Berners-Lee and his colleagues at CERN, an international scientific organization based in Geneva, Switzerland.

3) What is HTTP?

HTTP is a protocol, HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP), which standardized communication between servers and clients.

4) What is a website?

Multiple web resources with a common theme and usually a common domain name, make up a website. Websites are stored in computers that are running a web server, which is a program that responds to requests made over the Internet from web browsers running on a user's computer. Website content can be provided by a publisher, or interactively from user generated content. Websites are provided for a myriad of informative, entertainment, commercial, and governmental reasons.

1.6.2 Prepare a summary in the note form.

WWW

1. What is WWW?

- 1.1 the leading information retrieval service of the Internet.
- 1.2 not synonymous with the Internet;
 - 1.2.1 The Internet preceded WWW by over 20 years
 - 1.2.2 The Internet laid the foundation upon which WWW was developed later.
- 1.3 Enables the viewers to access a vast array of documents connected by hyperlinks.
 - 1.3.1 What is hyperlink? – the electronic connections that link related pieces of information in order to allow an easy access to the user.
 - 1.3.2 Types of hyperlink
 - 1.3.2.1 hypertexts
 - 1.3.2.2 hypermedia links

2. How does the Web operate? -- operates within the Internet's basic client-server format

- 2.1 'Servers' are computer programs that store and transmit documents to other computers on the network when asked.
- 2.2 'Clients' are programs that request documents from a server as and when the user asks for them.
- 2.3 'Browser' is a software that allows users to view the retrieved documents.
- 2.4 'HTML' is the language in which a hypertext document with its corresponding text and hyperlinks are written.
- 2.5 'URL' is the online address assigned to a hypertext document.

3. Development of WWW

- 3.1 It was developed by Tim Berners-Lee and his colleagues at CERN
- 3.2 HTTP is a protocol which standardized communication between servers and clients
- 3.3 Text based web browser was made for general release in Jan 1992
- 3.4 Now-a-days the primary tool that people use to interact on the Internet is WWW.

4. What is a website? - A collection of web resources with a common theme and a common domain name.

- 4.1 Stored in computers that are running a web server
- 4.2 Contents of the website are provided by a publisher
- 4.3 Purpose of the website is to provide information, entertainment and also for commercial and other governmental reasons.

1.7 Read the statements below and fill in with the appropriate verb given in brackets.

1. The storyon Christmas eve. (begin/begins)

2. Jim and Della a romantic couple. (is/are)

Which of the following statements is correct.

3. Sixty cents of it was in pennies.
Sixty cents of it were in pennies.
4. Twenty-one dollars was the price of the silver chain.
Twenty-one dollars were the price of the silver chain.

Choose the suitable verb from those given in brackets.

5. There a tall glass mirror between the windows of the room.
(was/were)

6. There two possessions of the family in which they both took
a mighty pride. (was/were)

In sentence 2 Jim and Della (Sub-plural) Plural verb are

In sentence 3 Sixty cents Always singular was
(words denoting money)

In sentence 4 21 dollars Always singular was
(words denoting money)

In sentence 5 There Depends on the noun that comes after it.(a mirror -singular) was

In sentence 6 There two possessions were
(plural)

1.7.2.

Read the paragraph given below and fill in the blanks, choosing the correct verb from the brackets.

Our new projectis.... (is/are) on Machine learning. All my colleagues ...know..... (know/knows) the basics of Machine learning. They ...have..... (has/have) been working on this project for a long time. About 60% of the project.....was.. (was/were) completed by the end of last month. But more than three clients ...are.... (is/are) not satisfied with the progress in the work. My boss...has.... (has/have) decided to hold a meeting at 7 p.m today to discuss the matter. He is very strict and ...expects..

(expect/expects) punctuality from all the staff. Each of the staff members ...**is**.... (is/are) expected to attend the meeting. One of the clients ...**has**..... (has/have) also decided to attend the same. He wants to stress the point that two more months...**are**..... (is/are) enough to complete this project. Though it is impossible, we also think that something ...**is..** (is/are) to be done immediately.

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⇒ Now read these statements and write whether they are true or false.

- 1) The bar graph highlights the number of Polo cars manufactured during the first half of 2020. – True/ **False**
- 2) The minimum number of cars were manufactured in the month of October. - True/ **False**
- 3) There has been a uniform increase in production rate throughout the year. - True/ **False**
- 4) It can be inferred that Volkswagen could meet the Production demands better during the first three months of the second half of 2020 than the last three months. - True/ **False**
- 5) The rate of production remained almost steady in September and October. – **True/ False**.

1.8.6.

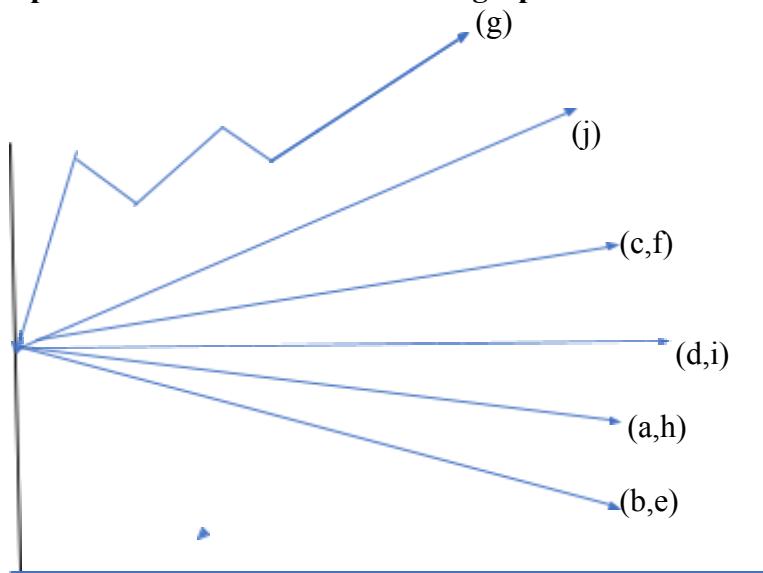
The first column contains a list of verbs meaning either ‘go up’, ‘go down’ or ‘no change’. Put the words in the appropriate columns.

[Trends - Increase, Fall, Jump, Decline, Remain stable, Decrease, Lift, Plummet, Rise, Drop, Stay at the same level, Climb, Leap, Plunge, Soar, Slump, Progress, Hold constant, Rocket, Surge, Stabilise, Grow]

Go up	Go down	No change
Increase	Fall	remain stable
Jump	Decline	Stay at the same level
Lift	Decrease	hold constant
Rise	Drop	stabilize
Climb	Slump	
Leap	Plummet	
Soar	plunge	
Progress		
Rocket		
Surge		

Grow

1.8.7 Match the phrases below to the lines in the graph:



- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| a) Go down slightly | f) Increase slightly |
| b) Drop sharply | g) fluctuate |
| c) Go up a little | h) decrease slightly |
| d) Remain steady | i) stay the same |
| e) Decrease sharply | j) increase sharply |

1.8.8 Rearrange the words into sentences & match to the graph.
Then write the sentences in the table given below. The first one has been done for you.

- a) shown / drastic / has / decline / The value of shares / a
Ans: The value of shares has shown a drastic decline

- b) increasing / over the years / The production rate / been / steadily / has
Ans. The production rate has been increasing steadily over the years.

- c) I/ will / rise / in / first six months / the / profits / sharply/ think
will / it/ in/ next four months / Then / the / drop
Ans: I think the profits will rise sharply in the first six months.
Then it will drop in the next four months.

d) have / remained / last December / till / stable/ Profits over / it / has been decreasing / past few months / the /But it / the/ definitely / I / /rise/ /coming months/ /will/ /hope/ /in/

Ans: Profits remained stable till last December. But it has been decreasing over the past few months. I hope it will definitely rise in the coming months.

1.8.11(page 43-ans)

The line graph shows the number of male and female employees working in the Textile Industry in India. Summarise the information in the graph by selecting and reporting the main features. Make comparisons wherever relevant.

The line graph illustrates the number of male and female employees working in the Textile Industry in India. It is very obvious that the number of male workers is a lot more than that of the female workers.

It can be seen that the number of male workers fell slightly from 14000 to 12000 from 1998-2008 and then remained stable through the following decade. However, while the number of male workers decreased, the number of female workers shot up. The number of female employees in 1992 was relatively low, starting from 2000. But their numbers grew by 2000 each decade. Still the males continue to make up the majority of workers.

In conclusion, we can see a clear upward trend in the number of female employees working in the Textile Industry in India, while the number of male workers seems to have levelled off.

1.8.12 (page 44)

The pie chart below shows the common complaints about computers registered in a servicing centre in Kottayam.

Summarise the information in the graph by selecting and reporting the main features. Make comparisons where relevant.

The pie chart shows the common complaints about computers registered in a servicing centre in Kottayam. It is very clear from the chart that the maximum cases are registered on the issue of slow network.

The chart reveals that about 35% of the complaints are on slow network whereas 25% are about printer issues. It also shows that 20% of the complaints are about blank screen problems.

Complaints related to unusual noises and others are only 13% and 7% respectively.

To sum up, more than one-third of the problems are related to slow network.

1.9.5 (page 50)

Imagine that you are attending an interview for the post of supervisor at Indus Motors, Thiruvananthapuram. How will you introduce yourself?

Self- introduction

Good afternoon everyone. Thank you for shortlisting me for the interview. I am Rahul Raj from Kollam. I completed my diploma in Automobile Engineering from CISAT Muvattupuzha. I am also a certificate holder in ‘Fundamentals of Automotive Engineering and Hypermesh for Finite Element Analysis Plastic and Sheet Metal Applications’. I have been working as an engineer at Technicians Multi Car Brand in Kochi for the past 2 years. During work breaks, I enjoy reading and designing. I am honest, ambitious and patient. I have leadership skills, I can motivate and manage staff and also have the ability to remain calm in stressful situations. I am fluent in Malayalam, English and Hindi. Right now, I am looking for an opportunity to apply my knowledge and skills to an innovative working atmosphere like the one provided by Indus Motors. I also firmly believe that I can contribute immensely to the growth of this company as well. Thank You.